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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
Kevin Warbrick) Examiner:
SERIAL NO.:)
FILED:) Group Art Unit:
FOR: OPTICAL PROTECTION SCHEME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Director of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

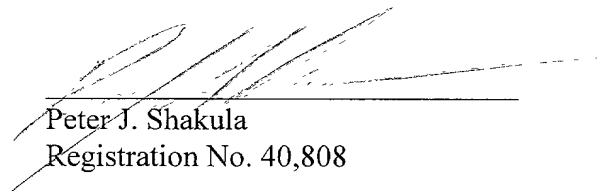
Please amend the first paragraph on page three of the accompanying application to read as follows:

US Patent Application co-filed herewith entitled "IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS IN PHOTONIC NETWORKS", Nortel ref: 14780ID (hereinafter referred to as "copending application"), and incorporated into this application by reference, describes a technique which enables degradation in an optical link which results in distortion to be distinguished from degradation in the link which gives rise to noise. This technique thus enables a proxy for the electronic behavior in the client layer network to be provided within the optical layer network

Attached herewith is a marked up version showing the changes made. Favorable prosecution of the application as amended is requested.

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